

AMERICA'S STAND ON ARMAMENT ENDORSED BY WOMEN

WOMEN SEE HARDING, SAY THEY BACK HIM

Indorsement of Stand by Hughes Presented at White House.

REAL PEACE DEMANDED

Mrs. J. Borden Harriman One of Six Representing National Bodies.

CAPITAL IN TWO CAMPS

Smaller Group Insists America Shall Stand for Complete Disarmament.

Special Dispatch to THE NEW YORK HERALD.
New York Herald Bureau, Washington, D. C., Nov. 14.

President Harding received today a committee of six nationally representative women who presented to him resolutions passed at a mass meeting here yesterday afternoon. These thanked him for calling the conference on Limitation of Armaments and expressed to the American delegates appreciation of the significant step taken at the opening meeting by Secretary Hughes.

The resolutions expressed the belief of the women of the organizations represented in the possibility of settling international disputes by other means than war, and called on the conference to devise means to this end for the greatest assurance of permanent peace.

The resolutions were presented by Mrs. J. Borden Harriman, Mrs. Robert J. Burdette of California, of the General Federation of Women's Clubs; Miss Julia O'Connor, representing the National Women's Trade Union League; Miss Emma Wolf of the Women's Committee for World Disarmament; Miss Marian Parkhurst of the National League of Women Voters; Mrs. Milton J. Higgins of the National Congress of Mothers and Parent Teachers' Association; and Mrs. George T. Odell of the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom.

It is becoming apparent that while the vast majority of women and all except two or three of the women's organizations, are solidly behind the programme proposed by the President and Secretary Hughes, the smaller group which stands out for complete and immediate disarmament regards the American proposals as merely a beginning, though admittedly an excellent one. This group intends to work with undiminished vigor for further radical reductions in army and navy appropriations, and to exert increased pressure on the Administration to abandon "half measures" and disarm as the first move toward the abolition of war.

The organizations composing this group are the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom, of which Miss Jane Addams of Chicago is international chairman and Miss Emily

3,000 AT RECEPTION GIVEN BY HUGHES FOR DELEGATES

Brilliant Social Event Is Staged in the Pan-American Building at Which the Display of Gowns and Jewels Is Literally Dazzling.

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With the Secretary of State and Mrs. Hughes as hosts a brilliant reception was given to-night at the Pan-American Building in honor of the delegates to the conference for the Limitation of Armament.

It was one of the most picturesque and beautiful functions ever held in Washington. The guests numbered more than 3,000 and included the Diplomatic Corps, the Cabinet, the Supreme Court, the Senate and the House, with the ladies of their families, as well as many others prominent in the official world, a representative group of resident society folk and many visitors from overseas whose presence here makes Washington the capital of the world.

Since the guests of honor were so numerous the foreign delegates, their technical staffs and members of each secretariat being included, there was no attempt to form a receiving line. Secretary and Mrs. Hughes greeted their guests at the head of the north-stairway. Introductions being made by the President's aid, Col. Clarence O. Sherrill, and within the Hall of the Americas the foreign dignitaries were surrounded by groups of friends already

Balch of Boston, Mass., international secretary; the Women's Committee for World Disarmament, organized in Washington a few months ago by Miss Wolf, who formerly lived in Oregon; and the Women's Peace Society, led by Mrs. Oswald Garrison Villard.

Announcement was made that the American section of the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom had removed from New York to Washington for the period of the arms conference, and would be in charge of Mrs. George T. Odell, recently elected chairman of the American section, succeeding Miss Kittredge of New York, who has resigned.

During the conference meetings will be held in the various States under the auspices of the league to crystallize disarmament sentiment before the American delegates and members of the Senate and House. On December 10 State delegates will meet here. Miss Addams will speak and a report of the Vienna congress of the Women's International League will be made by Miss Balch.

An attempt to stampede the Sunday mass meeting toward drastic resolutions demanding complete disarmament was prevented by the frank disapproval of Mrs. Thomas G. Winter, one of the four women members of the advisory committee to the American delegation, who was present, and whose opinion was asked. Mrs. Harriman, who presided, ruled out discussion after the original resolution as presented today had been adopted by the audience.

The pacifists, though comparatively few, are active and determined. Ralysing around Senator Borah of Idaho and Senator La Follette of Wisconsin, they will continue to urge the American conference to consider the programme proposed by Secretary Hughes as the minimum of disarmament that is to be accomplished by international agreement, and continuously to insist on open sessions and complete publicity of all proceedings connected with the conference.

GAS INSPECTOR OVERCOME.

While repairing a meter in the cellar of 33 East Tenth street last night John Coffey, 29, of Nyack, N. Y., a gas inspector, was overcome by gas fumes. He was taken to Bellevue Hospital. Coffey was discovered unconscious by a tenant in the house.

ADMIRAL HUGHES'S CLEVER DIPLOMACY

Paris Writer Is Enthusiastic Over Foreign and Domestic Effects of Proposal.

By GEORGES LE CHARTIER.
Correspondent of the Journal des Debats, Paris.

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As the first emotion appears to quiet down the situation appears as follows: The great frankness of Mr. Hughes's address remains unanimously appreciated and praised. But his cleverness and diplomacy are still more admired in political and diplomatic circles here. The message appears particularly skillful considering domestic as well as foreign policy.

As for domestic policy, Mr. Hughes will now appear before the American public opinion as the first man to have made a real effort toward disarmament, and this means toward the reduction of taxes as well as toward the enforcing of the peace of the world.

Public opinion here may not be directly concerned in the enforcement of the peace, but nothing can affect it and please it more than the reduction of its enormous taxes. Moreover, considering mere American politics, the message of Saturday is a master stroke, as it takes up, only to extend it, the very programme of naval holiday which was first proposed by the leader of the splitting fraction of the Republican party, the irreconcilables, and so it puts Mr. Borah in the position of firmly supporting the action of the Government in the debates of the conference or of denying and discrediting himself before his supporters.

As for foreign policy, it gives to the United States the advantage of having taken the first step toward the achievement of a real peace, and it puts any other Government before its own people. In the delicate situation either to follow the lead or to be responsible for the possible failure of the conference, the consequence of which must obviously be the maintaining or the increasing of the charges, consequently of the high taxes, to say nothing of the intolerable indifference that would be shown to the establishment of a lasting peace.

It was none the less clever of Mr. Hughes to speak not at first of the most important question of the Anglo-Japanese treaty, as the question is evidently involved in the one now put before the nations. In fact, it is evident that neither England nor Japan can agree to the programme proposed by Mr. Hughes without officially renouncing their treaty, as the junction or alliance of the two remainders of the self-imposed scrapping, will still be big enough to make them navally stronger than any other fleet of any other nation.

It will at least be considered very skillful and somewhat elegant on the part of Mr. Hughes to have temporarily removed the grave and alarming questions of the Pacific, so as to leave it to Japan to say what she has to say on this subject when the time comes to discuss the question of the naval bases inseparable from the naval disarmament.

A woman whose name Mr. Poeton would not reveal, visited the flat and promised to pay the rent at the end of the month. From other persons prominent in Greenwich Village came the promise of food. Mr. Poeton and August de Czele, his playwright friend, felt certain their little group had passed the crisis.

LAND ARMAMENTS ISSUE LOOMS UP

Italians and English Expected to Bring This Question Up Soon.

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Although rumor was current in American circles that the question of land armaments may not be made a capital issue of the conference, it is reported late this evening among the delegates of foreign countries that this subject on the contrary may come up in a most acute form.

It is understood that neither the Italians nor the English intend to let the question of land armaments rest and will bring it up very soon.

The French will be hard put to it to find a defence against the Anglo-Italian onslaught. They are, however, well prepared with all the information the conference may need.

The first item on the English plan for land disarmament concerns the Polish army of 230,000, concerning which England will direct her reproaches indirectly against France as its principal sponsor. Italy on her side, with an army of 280,000 men, will demand absolutely that the French army be reduced approximately to the size of her own. France will try to show by means of documents the tremendous land forces with which she may possibly have to cope.

First, Germany will have an army of 250,000, which she can augment to something like 7,000,000. Russia has untold resources in men and even England is a possible opponent of France with her facilities of raising a very large force. Finally there is Italy.

France is undoubtedly in the worst position of any country from a military point of view. She is liable to be called upon to face a coalition of enemies and she intends to make her situation clear.

If she receives guarantees in respect to her security she is perfectly prepared to reduce her effectives accordingly, but without these she must take all the measures which her military advisers think necessary.

Nevertheless France asks nothing better than to reduce her army to a minimum. It may be stated that the lowest point to which France considers it possible to reduce will be to 657,000 men. She has many overseas military obligations and a great part of her effectives will remain in France for interior defence, and this figure of 657,000 is what France will demand if the subject of land armaments is pressed at the Washington conference.

TEN YEARS FOR PICKPOCKET.

Joseph Wurtzberger, convicted of having filched a wallet containing the picture of a girl, change amounting to \$2 and several railroad tickets from the pocket of Stephen Caravelli during Mardi Gras revels at Coney Island, last September, was sentenced to ten years' imprisonment by Supreme Court Justice Dike in Brooklyn yesterday.

SHIP NEAR FREIGHTER AFIRE.

Crew Fights Blaze on San Francisco With Live Steam.

The Isthmian Line freight steamship San Francisco, which sailed from Lisbon for this port November 3, and was reported afire 652 miles east by north of Bermuda by wireless and calling for help, is heading for Bermuda, making an effort to smother the blaze in her hold with live steam, she so announced by radio yesterday.

The British freight steamship Ramon de Larrinaga, from Genoa for Norfolk, was standing by the San Francisco to take off the crew if the American skipper decided to abandon his ship, which seemed unlikely.



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